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Rep. Sherer Calls for Action on Long Ridge Road



Legislator Points to High Incidence of Accidents, Injuries, Fatalities

State Rep. Donald B. Sherer, R-147th, Stamford, New Canaan, has called on the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to take action to reduce an extraordinarily high incidence of auto accidents, injuries and fatalities on Long Ridge Road.

He noted that there have 200 reported accidents on Long Ridge Road each year for the past four years. Further, there have been 88 accidents with injuries on the road in the past two years. It also was the site of three of the seven fatal accidents on Stamford streets in the past two years.

“Tragically,” said Rep. Sherer, “Long Ridge Road has become the most deadly road in Stamford. Five persons lost their lives on Long Ridge Road in the past two years. The time has come to stop studying the problem and take action now. The loss of life, injury and property damage must be addressed as soon as physically possible.”

Rep. Sherer said steps to be taken could include installing traffic lights, creating turning lanes, stepping up safety enforcement and other mitigation efforts that DOT might suggest.

Rep. Sherer said he and others have pushed DOT for traffic lights and turning lanes, but so far have been denied.

“Long Ridge Road now has compiled an indisputable record of serious accidents that demonstrate the need for corrective action without further delay,” said Rep. Sherer.

Rep. Sherer noted that Long Ridge Road, also designated as Route 104, is a state road that falls under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Transportation.

“I know DOT has many other issues to address,” said Sherer, “but Long Ridge Road rises to the critical stage when we witness such tragic loss of life, as well as other accidents that occur almost every day of the year.”

Rep. Sherer acknowledged that DOT is also responsible for a multitude of transportation programs and projects involving not only highways, but also rail service, bus systems, airports, ferries, State Pier operations, highway safety, ridesharing and other mobility efforts.

“I urge the DOT to make safety on Long Ridge Road a top priority for 2006,” said Rep. Sherer.

Rep. Sherer serves the 147th Assembly District of Stamford and New Canaan in the state House of Representatives.